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Re: Official Tribal DEIS Comment Statement

This letter is an official Chemehuevi Tribal comment to the Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Statement (DEIS).

1 The Chemehuevi Indian Tribal Reservation is located on the western shores of Havasu Lake, California and the Tribe is opposed to the draft EIS document and the entire Yucca Mountain Project.

2 The Chemehuevi Tribe feels that the EIS does not sufficiently address the geological stability nor the underground water issue with regards to flow. Lack of scientific and engineering studies and data collection does not warrant this location as a prime area for high-level nuclear disposal.

The EIS does not provide data regarding the underground water flows or drainage towards the Colorado River. As stated in the EIS, "the underground water system is very complex" which indicates that no confirming data to indicate without a doubt that waters do not flow into the Colorado River.

In the event of a major earthquake at Yucca Mountain, there could be the possibility of contamination of the underground water system and the Colorado River, thus contaminating the waters of Havasu Lake and the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation.

Furthermore, attached to this statement is a copy of the Chemehuevi Tribe's Ordinance No. 97.1, PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF ANY POLLUTANT INTO THE WATERS OF THE CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN RESERVATION.

David Chavez, Chairman